AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-50 are cancelled.

Claim 51 (new). A method for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, said auction conducted in association with a related auction of a second set of items, at least two bidders participating in the computer-implemented auction, the method comprising:

a) initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items,

c) constraining the inputted bids, based on bids for the second set of items in the related auction,

d) determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

e) repeating b), c) and d) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

f) assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated.

Claim 52 (new). The method of claim 51 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs at the same time as the related auction.

Claim 53 (new). The method of claim 51 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs after the related auction.

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Claim 54 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein items in the second set are communication licenses and items in the first set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 55 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein items in the first set are communication licenses and items in the second set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 56 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein items in the second set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 57 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein items in the first set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 58 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein each item in the first set is related to an item in the second set.

Claim 59 (new).   The method of claim 58 which includes assigning each item in the first set to the successful bidder for the related item in the second set.

Claim 60 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein each item in the first set is complementary to an item in the second set.

Claim 61 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein step d) terminates the computer-implemented auction in the event that no new bids were submitted and wherein step d) also transmits new bidding information to bidders in the event that the computer-implemented auction is not terminated.

Claim 62 (new).   The method of claim 51 wherein step f) is limited to selected bidders.

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Claim 63 (new).   A method for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, said auction conducted in association with a related auction of a second set of items, at least one item in the first set having a complementary item in the second set, at least two bidders participating in the computer-implemented auction, the method comprising:

a) initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items, at least one of the bids from one of the bidders conditional on said bidder winning a complementary item in the related auction,

c) determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

d) repeating b) and c) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

e) assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated, excluding any conditional bids that do not satisfy their conditions.

Claim 64 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs at the same time as the related auction.

Claim 65 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs before the related auction.

Claim 66 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein items in the second set are communication licenses and items in the first set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

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Claim 67 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein items in the first set are communication licenses and items in the second set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 68 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein items in the second set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 69 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein items in the first set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 70 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein each item in the first set is related to an item in the second set.

Claim 71 (new).   The method of claim 70 which includes assigning each item in the first set to the successful bidder for the related item in the second set.

Claim 72 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein each item in the first set is complementary to an item in the second set.

Claim 73 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein step c) terminates the computer-implemented auction in the event that no new bids were submitted and wherein step c) also transmits new bidding information to bidders in the event that the computer-implemented auction is not terminated.

Claim 74 (new).   The method of claim 63 wherein step e) is limited to selected bidders.

Claim 75 (new).   A system for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, said auction conducted in association with a related auction of a second set of items, at least two bidders participating in the computer-implemented auction, the system comprising:

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a) means for initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) means for inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items,

c) means for constraining the inputted bids, based on bids for the second set of items in the related auction,

d) means for determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

e) means for repeating the inputting, constraining and determining until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

f) means for assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated.

Claim 76 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs at the same time as the related auction.

Claim 77 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs after the related auction.

Claim 78 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein items in the second set are communication licenses and items in the first set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 79 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein items in the first set are communication licenses and items in the second set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

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Claim 80 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein items in the second set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 81 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein items in the first set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 82 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein each item in the first set is related to an item in the second set.

Claim 83 (new).   The system of claim 82 which includes means for assigning each item in the first set to the successful bidder for the related item in the second set.

Claim 84 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein each item in the first set is complementary to an item in the second set.

Claim 85 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein the means for determining terminates the computer-implemented auction in the event that no new bids were submitted and further includes means for transmitting new bidding information to bidders in the event that the computer-implemented auction is not terminated.

Claim 86 (new).   The system of claim 75 wherein said means for assigning is limited to operating with selected bidders.

Claim 87 (new).   A system for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, said auction conducted in association with a related auction of a second set of items, at least one item in the first set having a complementary item in the second set, at least two bidders participating in the computer-implemented auction, the system comprising:

a) means for initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

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b) means for inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items, at least one of the bids from one of the bidders conditional on said bidder winning a complementary item in the related auction,

c) means for determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

d) means for repeating the inputting and determining until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

e) means for assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated, excluding any conditional bids that do not satisfy their conditions.

Claim 88 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs at the same time as the related auction.

Claim 89 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein the computer-implemented auction occurs before the related auction.

Claim 90 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein items in the second set are communication licenses and items in the first set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 91 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein items in the first set are communication licenses and items in the second set are clearing rights related to communications licenses.

Claim 92 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein items in the second set are related to airport landing rights.

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Claim 93 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein items in the first set are related to airport landing rights.

Claim 94 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein each item in the first set is related to an item in the second set.

Claim 95 (new).   The system of claim 94 which includes means for assigning each item in the first set to the successful bidder for the related item in the second set.

Claim 96 (new).   The method of claim 87 wherein each item in the first set is complementary to an item in the second set.

Claim 97 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein said means for determining terminates the computer-implemented auction in the event that no new bids were submitted and said means for determining further includes means for transmitting new bidding information to bidders in the event that the computer-implemented auction is not terminated.

Claim 98 (new).   The system of claim 87 wherein said means for assigning is limited to operation with selected bidders.

Claim 99 (new).   A method for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, and a related auction of a second set of items, at least two bidders participating in both the auctions, the method comprising:

a) initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) initiating the related auction by identifying the second set of items and accepting bids therefor,

c) inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items in the computer-implemented auction,

d) constraining the inputted bids in the computer-implemented auction based on bids for the second set of items in the related auction,

e) determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

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f) repeating c), d) and e) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

g) assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated.

Claim 100 (new).   A system for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items, and a related auction of a second set of items, at least two bidders participating in both the auctions, the method comprising:

a) means for initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) means for initiating the related auction by identifying the second set of items and accepting bids therefor,

c) means for inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items in the computer-implemented auction,

d) means for constraining the inputted bids in the computer-implemented auction based on bids for the second set of items in the related auction,

e) means for determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

f) means for repeating c), d) and e) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

g) means for assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated.

Claim 101 (new).   A method for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items and a related auction of a second set of items, at least one item in the first set having a complementary item in the second set, at least two bidders participating in the auctions, the method comprising:

a) initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) initiating the related auction by identifying the second set of items and accepting bids therefor,

c) inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items, at least one of the bids from one of the bidders conditional on said bidder winning a complementary item in the related auction,

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d) determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

e) repeating c) and d) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

f) assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated, excluding any conditional bids that do not satisfy their conditions.

Claim 102 (new).   A system for conducting a computer-implemented auction of a first set of items and a related auction of a second set of items, at least one item in the first set having a complementary item in the second set, at least two bidders participating in the auctions, the method comprising:

a) means for initiating the computer-implemented auction by identifying the first set of items,

b) means for initiating the related auction by identifying the second set of items and accepting bids therefor,

c) means for inputting bids from bidders for items in the first set of items, at least one of the bids from one of the bidders conditional on said bidder winning a complementary item in the related auction,

d) means for determining whether the computer-implemented auction should terminate,

e) means for repeating c) and d) until the computer-implemented auction is terminated, and

f) means for assigning the first set of items to bidders based on the bids in force at the time the computer-implemented auction was terminated, excluding any conditional bids that do not satisfy their conditions.

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